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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
10 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
11 OAKLAND VENUE

12 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

No. 05-0242 WDB

13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 1. 1933 FORD COUPE ROADSTER,

16 2. 1965 CESSNA U206,

17 3. 1968 CESSNA 182M,

18 4. 1995 CHEVROLET TAHOE,

19 5. \$30,000 IN UNITED STATES
20 CURRENCY, AND

21 6. \$7,800 IN UNITED STATES
22 CURRENCY,

23 Defendants.

**JOINT STATUS REPORT; REQUEST
AND PROPOSED ORDER FOR STAY OF
ACTION**


24 On September 26, 2005, the parties appeared before the Court for an initial case
25 management conference. At that hearing, the Court referred the parties to Magistrate Joseph C.
26 Spero to explore settlement. As a result of those preliminary settlement discussions, plaintiff
27 disclosed that Claimant Gregory Sperow is the subject of an ongoing criminal investigation
28 which will likely impact the forfeiture action in this district. Consequently, the parties agree that

1 a stay in the forfeiture proceeding is appropriate in order to preserve Mr. Sperow's right against
2 self-incrimination in the related investigation. A stay is also appropriate for the government who
3 has an interest in preserving the integrity of the investigation. The parties thus request that
4 matter be stayed pending resolution of the investigation. Accordingly, the parties request that the
5 matter be set for status in approximately 120 days.

7 DATED: 10/17/05

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15 **PROPOSED ORDER**

16 Upon the stipulation of counsel, and good cause appearing, the above-captioned civil
17 forfeiture action is further stayed in light of the pending criminal investigation concerning
18 Claimant Gregory Sperow. The matter is continued to 2/22/06 at 4:00 p.m. for further status.

19 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

20 DATED: 10/18/05

